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## PRESS RELEASE

DATE/TIME OF RELEASE: 4-2-2001 3:00 PM  
DATE/TIME OF OCCURRENCE: 4-1-2001 6:25 PM  
NATURE OF CALL: POSSIBLE DROWNING  
LOCATION OF CALL: FOLSOM LAKE  
CASE NUMBER: SO 01 5357  
RELEASED BY: LT. RICK ARMSTRONG 530.889.7816

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### SHERIFF EDWARD N. BONNER RELEASES THE FOLLOWING:

At approximately 6:25 PM on Sunday, April 1, 2001, Placer County Sheriff's Dispatch received a 911 call from an individual on a sailboat on Folsom Lake. The individual told dispatchers that his friend had fallen overboard and was now missing. Units from State Parks and Placer County responded and met with the reporting party on the lake. Investigation revealed the missing party Robert Fritz, 64, of Citrus Heights and the reporting party were spending an afternoon sailing on Folsom Lake. Fritz stood up next to the railing at the back of the boat and fell overboard. The reporting party threw a life preserver at Fritz and turned the boat around to get back to Fritz's location.

As he approached Fritz, he saw him go under and jumped in the water and swam to Fritz's location. He was unable to locate Fritz and after several minutes of searching reboarded his boat and called 911.

Deputies and Rangers continued searching upon their arrival and notified dive rescue teams to respond. When the dive team arrived, the wind on the water and the fading daylight made diving unsafe, and further searching was postponed until today.

Early today divers from the Placer County Sheriff's Office, El Dorado County Sheriff's and State Parks aided by CARDA rescue dogs began an intense search of the area Fritz was last seen. As of this release they have not located Fritz, and they are continuing to search.

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